

Novel Entertainments

Devoted to the Art of Entertaining; the Etiquette of Entertaining; Home, School, Club and Church Entertainments

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A Book Auction.

A crowd of young people known as the Recreation club had this for their entertainment at one of their last meetings. Over the living room door the word "Auction" was made in perfectly large letters and below it was a red flag and the sign of three gold balls.

There were placards around the walls saying "Please do not put your feet on the seats." "No Smoking," etc. Then the guests were given purses containing fake money. The books were neatly wrapped in manila paper, tied with cord and deposited in a pile beside the auctioneer's platform. The guests were all seated in a semi-circle and the bidding began. No packages could be opened until the books were sold. A clerk seated beside the auctioneer wrote down the name of the book and the name of the purchaser as the sales were made. After the auction closed the parcels were all placed in the middle of the room and a chair for the purchaser who paid for her books as the name was called off, each one undid the package and held up the contents so that all could see what had been purchased. The following list shows the titles of some of the books and the articles representing them. Any one may add innocently according to the size of her purse.

"The Foreigner"—a little Japanese doll.

"Pick-Wick Papers"—A toothpick, a lamp wick, and some paper, wrapped up in a shoe box.

"Along the Line"—Two clothes pins, in a candy box.

"When Knighthood Was in Flower"—a nightcap, wrapped in a flowered paper napkin.

"A Pleasant Reflection"—a small looking glass in a pill box.

The way the refreshments were served caused much merriment. There was a paper bag for each one which contained two sandwiches, a cookie, a sugared doughnut done up in waxed paper, and a banana. Coffee was passed on a tray in tin cups.

A "Baby Shower."

A club of young matrons gave this

shower for a little mother who was soon to present the club with the first baby, which all had agreed was to have the distinction of being the club baby, like many colleges honor the first "class" baby. The invitations were sent on cards bearing the cutest picture of a "sun-bonnet" baby under a big umbrella, the rain just pouring down. They were done in water colors and were just as pretty as could be. Pink was the color scheme selected, with a touch of pale blue here and there. The table centerpiece was a doll-size baby buggy, a box of pink and blue ribbon on the handle. It was filled with tiny pink rosebuds. For place cards there were baby faces in the center of pink roses, the name lettered in gold. To hold salted almonds at each place there were little metal baby carriages purchased at a toy store for a few cents apiece. The menu was easy to carry out and I give it entire, as so many ask just what to have:

Cream of Tomato Soup.

Water Wafers.

Shrimps a la Newburg, Cheese Straws.

Cold Sliced Ham.

Luncheon Rolls.

Strawberry Ice Cream.

Pink and White Cake.

Tea, Coffee.

Candies.

The candles were pink with delicate shades of thin pink silk made in petals to look like a rose. The shower was presented in this way: Just after the luncheon the bell rang and the maid announced "some one" to see the ladies. So all went into the living room and found a stunning small child dressed exactly as a French nobleman's maid, and she wheeled a good-sized doll buggy to the honored matron. It was filled with parcels, each tied with pink and blue ribbon. Opening these dainty packages occupied a long time, as each lovely creation had to be duly admired. There was many useful and beautiful articles and a "Baby Record" book.

An Amusing Contest.

After a card game, while the hostess was busy preparing to serve her refreshments, the following interesting contest took place. Before leaving the room the hostess passed little six-leaved booklets, the front of which was a representation of a slate bought at the dolls' department. The first page had this word, "Alphabet," with the questions:

What letter is a vegetable?—P.
What letter is a bird?—I.
What letter is a beverage?—T.
What letter is a direction to open?—G.
What letter is a part of a house?—L.
The second page said "Geography."

Questions. Answers.
What state is a father?—Pa.
What state is a number?—Tenn.
What state is the most geological?—Me.
What state is a church service?—Mass.
What state do tramps shut?—Wash.

The third page had "Arithmetic."

Questions. Answers.
500 plus a large boat divided with-out light?—D-ark.
1000 plus held divided by an unmar-ried woman?—M-aid.
500 plus uncooked divided by pull?—D-raw.
100 plus competent divided by a heavy rope?—C-able.

Fourth page—Physiology.

Questions. Answers.
Of the human body what are two es-tablished measures?—Feet and Hands.
What are two musical instruments?—Drums.
What are two dedicated buildings?—Temples.

What are two graceful trees?—Palms.
What are two small articles used by carpenters?—Nails.
What are two instruments of torture?—(Eye) Lashes.

Fifth page—Literature.

Questions. Answers.
What author is?—Poe.
A river in Italy?—Poe.
A dark mineral and a low line of hills?—Colorado.
An English hedge row?—Hawthorne.
An English animal and noise of another?—Cowper.

A very tall man?—Longfellow.

A high and part of a house?—Lowell.

Of course the prizes were awarded to the best scholars in "Reading," "Ritin" and "Rithmetic." Then the hostess announced recess and the refreshments were forthcoming.

An October Luncheon.

This charming affair was the talk of all those fortunate enough to attend. There were thirty guests seated at small tables throughout the room. The decorations were perfectly gorgeous and all supplied from the garden of the hostess and the woods near by. First there were quantities of foliage turned into vivid reds and browns, with dashes of yellow; there was a screen made of woodbine, the leaves of which are so beautiful now. Then there were masses of salvia and clusters of mountain ash berries. Everyone exclaimed when they entered the room, "How lovely!" At the head of each place card the following verse was written in gold ink, and the hostess had made up a list of purple berries, which were cut out at top and side of card, as if growing:

"My ornaments are fruits, my garments
I do not boast the harvesting of sheaves
Of sheaves and o'er vineyards I pre-
side."

An immense brown basket of fruit was passed with the dessert course, the hands wound with vines and a huge bowl of green, red and yellow. After the luncheon they played cards, the prizes were unusual from the fact that the hostess had made up a list of purple berries, which were cut out at top and side of card, as if growing:

"We've been cloth of gold and crimson
I do not boast the harvesting of sheaves
Of sheaves and o'er vineyards I pre-
side."

A Good Luck Party.

A mother of three girls gave this party. The invitations were on green cardboard, cut in shape of four-leaved clovers of cardboard, hidden in the downstairs room. The girls had been hunting merrily. The prizes were clover candy boxes filled with peppermints. Ice cream and cakes were served in form of clovers. Kindergarten games

were played to music and all had a "perfectly splendid time."

Toasts for All Occasions.

To the many readers who have asked for "Toasts" I give the ones that follow, hoping that they will find just the one they are looking for:

"Here's to the man who has charity enough to forgive those who have done him a kindness, and with whom he is wrong in a dispute."

"Cheer up, its no use to be glum, boys. 'Tis written since fighting began, That sometimes we fight and we conquer. And sometimes we fight and we run."

"O vanity of vanities,
How wayward the decrees of Fate are.
How very weak the very wise,
How very small the very great are."

"He is complete in feature and in mind.
With all good grace a gentleman."

"Here's to our wives and sweethearts—
May our sweethearts become our wives,
And our wives ever remain our sweet-
hearts."

"Here's to woman—she needs no eulogy
—she speaks for herself."

"Here's hoping you may be hung, drawn
and quartered. Hung about the ears,
lands, drawn in triumphant chariots, and
quartered in the arms of those who love you."

"O woman! lovely woman; nature made
thee
To temper man; we had been brutes with-
out you.
Angels are painted fair, to look like
you."

There's in you all that we believe in
heaven.

Amazing brightness, purity and truth,
Eternal joy and everlasting love."

—Otway.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Two Queries.

If acquainted with only the man is it necessary to include his wife in sending out wedding invitation; also what would be an appropriate gift for a maid of honor?

An announcement must be addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. X." It would be unpar-donable to send such an announcement, being of a social nature, omitting the wife. A pin, necklace, locket or little finger ring are appropriate gifts for a bridesmaid.

A Sorority Party.

Our sorority wish to give a party in a hall. Each member is to invite a boy and each girl is to bring her baby pic-ture with that of the boy whom she asks, but all unknown to the boy. The pic-tures will be arranged in the hall and slips passed to write down the guesses as to "who is who." There will be about

sixty guests. We will serve cake and punch. Do we need more to eat?

—BINGO.

If you could manage sandwiches and a salad, I think you would find them acceptable additions.

A Budget of Queries.

Kindly reply to the following in your Sunday column: What is the usual sup-ply of bed and table linen for a bride in moderate circumstances? How are napkins and cloth marked? What color should a bride wear at a small home wedding? I enjoy your corner and shall never cease to be grateful to you.

—GIRLIE.

Thank you for the kind appreciation of the department. Much depends upon the size of the bride's future home how large her supply of linen should be. At least a dozen sheets, six pairs of pillow cases, two dozen towels, half a dozen bath towels, one dozen wash cloths, three large tablecloths, three small ones, three dozen napkins of various sizes, and as much more as she can afford. Mark nap-kins in the center, so that when folded square the letter will come exactly in the center or diagonally in the corner. A tablecloth is marked so that the letter or monogram will be to the right of host or hostess, uncovered by a tray cloth or centerpiece. I always advise white for a bride, no matter how simple the wedding.

Any large department store will give definite instructions as to how to mark linen, and many do it for their cus-tomers.

The Man First.

I want to introduce a young lady to a young gentleman, which should I in-troduce first?

A man's name is mentioned first, as "Mr. Brown." I want you to meet my friend, Miss Burke.

Name for a Club.

We have read your good advice, so we thought we would write to you for a name for our club. It is for the pur-pose of having a good time. The girls of the club are about 14 or 15 years of age.

Why not call yourselves the "Skylark" or the "Merry Ramblers." If you would like a French name take "Bon Ami," which means "Good Friend."

Addressing a Minister.

Please tell me how to address a let-ter to a minister. Shall I say Rev. Mr. Brown or Mr. Brown, or Rev. J. T. Brown?

Address the envelope The Reverend James F. Brown, and add "D. D." if he is a doctor of divinity.

Let the Dear Man Alone.

Many of your answers to others have been a great help to me, and I've come to you for advice on a problem of my own. Is it proper for a girl to ask a gentleman to call on a certain evening, or for him to call oftener than twice a week? How late should he stay? Sup-posing he says he will come on a cer-tain evening and fails to appear, but, happening to see him the next day, he

The Coming Out of Helen Taft

BY CONSTANCE CARRUTHERS.

By Leased Wire to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Undoubt-edly the principal social event in Washington during the coming season will be the coming out of Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, which I understand has been fixed for Christ-mas week. Miss Helen is a most charming girl, simple and unaffected, but full of life and spirits. She is very fond of dancing, likes horseback rid-ing and tennis, and the fact that she will be formally in society will do much to enliven the season in the younger set, in which she already is very popular. Her particular girl chums are Miss Sophie Johnston, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marion Johnston; Countess Luisa Alexander von Bernstorff, daughter of the German ambassador; Misses Jessie Krogstad, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Krogstad; Eudora Clover, daughter of Admiral and Mrs. Richardson Clover, and Alice Whiting, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Guy Fairfax Whiting. All the young people in society, it may be said, are preparing for an unusually brilliant season.

By the time the social season is well

advanced most Washington women who go in for horseback exercise will be riding astride. The spread of a cross-saddle equestrianism will be a marked feature of Washington's out-door life this winter, and the damsels who but a few seasons back were thought a bit boyish for assuming a masculine position on their mounts will now have the advantage of long practice over the girls who have at last decided to abandon the sidesaddle. When Miss Ruth Hanna, now Mrs. Medill McCormick of Chicago, daughter of the late Senator Hanna, first rode up Connecticut avenue firmly astride a handsome chestnut ten years ago all Washington gasped, and Miss Hanna was voted just too "western" for anything. Her daily ambles on horseback were attended by a gasping throng, who openly argued for and against the "straddlebug" riding for women. Some pronounced the new fad "sensible," but the majority declared it entirely too radical to be generally adopted, and Washington femininity went calmly on its sidesaddle way.

All that is changed now. For many years before athletic little Ruth Hanna unwittingly startled Washington the

girls of the great west, from those whose only mount was the patient bur-ro to those whose fathers owned famous stables, had been riding man fashion in the saddle. Little by little the west has converted the east to its way of thinking that the side-saddle for women should be abandoned, both as unsafe and uncomfortable.

The southern girl held out firmly for the side-saddle of her ancestors, as-serting that the position astride a horse made a woman look awkward and unfeminine. The southern girl has been the hardest to convert. Even Miss May Howard, now Mrs. Bloodorn, the best-known woman rider in Wash-ington society, made her famous test trip with the navy officers sitting the same sort of a saddle her Maryland grandmothers and grandaunts had ridden a hundred years before. Yet Mrs. Bloodorn admits that when play-ing polo she rides astride, and that she finds that position quite as easy and graceful as the side-saddle seat. She also thinks that a girl can learn to ride far more easily if taught to sit astride from the start. Army officers have been among the most enthusiastic and untir-ing propagandists of the new riding

movement. The superior safety of the cross-saddle appeals to them.

The autumn golf season holds many allurements to President Taft, and he and the other members of the presi-dential family will not come to the white house until about the middle of October. The secretary of state will soon relieve the first as-sistant secretary, Huntington Wilson, so that the latter, who has been at his post all through the heated term, may leave Washington for a vacation trip.

When Mrs. Wilson later has been ranking official hostess here ever since the scattering of the administration circle in July. Her important duty along this line was the entertaining of the royal prince of China.

When Prince Tsai Shun's brother was here in the spring, a band of the modern Chinese army fifteen auto-mobiles were required to convey his at-taches from place to place, and more than three score seats were needed for their entertainment at a place of amusement.

Among the earliest of the returning summer sojourners is the family of the Chinese minister, Mme. Chang, the little Misses Lily and Alice Chang, and the minister's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Chang, no far the eldest of the trio of tiny visitors at the legation.

The Misses Chang are all in their early teens. For the matter of that, so is the little bride of Henry Chang, and they are all under the care of an American governess, from whom they are learning the difficulties of the three Rs, several languages and music. The last is their particular delight, and they are enthusiastic little students.

Many charming musicals have been held in the Oriental home on Connecti-cut avenue, which attracted the min-ister's agents by its somewhat Oriental appearance in front.

The Tong girls are the daughters of Tong Shao Yi, who was sent here last year as a special ambassador in the settlement of the Boxer indemnity af-fair. He was educated at Amherst. He has many old friends in Springfield, where his daughters and the daughters of the minister made a visit last spring. The two families are doubly connected by marriage, the last con-nection being made when the min-ister's son was married to Emily Tong Christmas day of last year. The mar-riage did not interfere with her school work at one of the young ladies' semi-naries of the city, where she was sent on her arrival here, and where she con-tinued her studies during the school year. She was greatly liked and ad-mired by the girls who were in her classes, and she was the quaintest and most picturesque little figure, trading back and forth to school with her also picturesque attendant, who car-ried her books. She is a splendid student, and kept well up in all her classes. At the New Year day recep-tion of President and Mrs. Taft, last winter the five girls of the legation were the center of an admiring group throughout their stay at the white house. Their little black heads were dressed exactly alike, with long pig tails, characteristic short stiff bangs, and stiff pink bows on the tops of their Chinese heads.

Of the many changes which will be noted in the diplomatic corps when the social season opens, none will occasion more regret than the absence of the Italian charge d'affaires and Marchesa di Montagliari, who have been the heads of the Italian embassy at this post since the return to Italy of the former ambassador, Baron Mayor des Planches and Baroness des Planches last winter. Marchesa di Montagliari has been transferred to the foreign office in Rome, and will go there on the arrival in this country of the new em-bassador, Marchese di Montagliari and his wife have been leaders in the gayeties at Manchester by the Sea, where the summer embassy has been established, as they have been during the winter gayeties in Washington among the diplomatic set.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Chapman has sent out cards announcing the marriage yes-terday, in Baltimore, of her daugh-ter, Minnie Belle Chapman, to Edward Kennedy Goldsborough. Mrs. Golds-borough is the daughter of the late Nathaniel Chapman of Charles county, Md., and claims kinship with two presi-dents. Her grandfather, Judge John Madison Chapman, was a nephew of President James Madison and a cousin of President Zachary Taylor. She also descends from royalty, going back through the houses of Percy and No-ville to Alfred the Great. She is en-titled to membership in all the patriotic societies of America, in which immediate members of her family have long been prominent. Mr. Goldsbor-ough comes from the old Goldsbor-ough family, of Goldsborough Chase, near Kuarsborough, Yorkshire, Eng-land.

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Retaining the old quarters which they had oc-cupied for many years, but putting in a new place, because their business had completely outgrown the old home, Sparey & Mehse have moved into their new home, 14 East Second South street, across the street from the old stand. The new dining room is complete and one of the most sanitary and ornamental in the west. Every device that will facilitate quick service, and that will tend to absolute and sani-tary cleanliness and to the comfort of the pa-trons of the house has been installed.

The dining room is finished and fur-nished in solid oak. The wainscoting and base-boards are of oak, and all the furniture is built with the double id-a of beauty and of cleanliness. The sanitary baseboards that are in place are similar to those in use in hospitals. The absence of square corners precludes the possibility of dirt finding lodgment and insures absolute cleanliness. There is not a crack or crevice in the plant.

The new gas range is a model. It is of seven holes, with a huge griddle, and is covered by a large burnished copper hood. The range back is covered with Russia iron and white enamel, and is a model of cleanliness.

The main counter seats sixteen patrons and the tables seat twenty-two at a time. More than 2000 orders are filled on an average day's busi-ness.

One of the attractive features of the dining room is the pedestal refrigerator, open on three sides, in which milk, butter and salads are kept ready to be served.

The water served from the fountain is fil-tered and cooled by contact with the refriger-ator coils. No ice is used and the water is kept at an agreeable temperature throughout the year.

Another attractive feature of the dining room is the coffee percolator. This percolator is the

most improved model of the Kellum automa-tic coffee maker, and is designed for heavy serv-ice. The percolator has a sewer connection and can be flushed out and cleansed without being moved from its position. It is also attached to the city water service and can be filled by tur-ing a spigot. There are two of these percol-ators in use in the dining room.

Back of the counter is a series of refrig-erator sections, designed to cool and preserve the food used over the counter.

Another interesting and attractive fea-ture of the dining room is the display window which are refrigerated. The displays of refrig-erated foods in these windows is designed to excite the appetite of passersby.

The most absolute cleanliness prevails in the kitchen. The walls are of white enamel and white oilcloth, and can be thoroughly clean-ed in a few minutes. As in the dining room, there are no cracks or crevices or square corners catch the dirt. The range is backed by wall of Russian iron. This range is for baking and boiling, no frying being done in the kitchen.

The pastry room is in the basement, where the refrigerators and storerooms are situated. There is also a soiled linen chest in the base-ment, the linen being thrown into a chute in the dining room, leading to the linen chest. The refrigerating plant, constructed by the Althof Refrigerator company and installed by Roser-Schuller of this city, is also in the basement. The brine cooled system is used, instead of the direct ammonia cooling system.

The floors and walls of all the storeroom are rat proof and mouse proof, the floors and walls being covered with sheet iron. Dum-waiters leading from the pastry room to the kitchen afford quick service between those de-partments.

The new plant is one of the most complete and modern between Chicago and the coast, and is as complete as any in the country.